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FISH AND WILDLIFE AID TO STATES REACHES \$82 MILLION

Secretary of the Interior James Watt announced today that \$82 million in Federal Aid funds have been apportioned to the 50 States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Mariana Islands for sport fish and wildlife restoration and hunter education programs. The funds, which become available on October 1, 1982, are dispersed under programs authorized by the "Dingell - Johnson" and "Pittman - Robertson" acts.

This apportionment, obtained from excise tax collections in fiscal year 1982, is the first of two installments distributed this year to be used by the States to finance their fish and wildlife restoration programs. The second installment will be distributed after the tally of fiscal year 1982 tax receipts is completed by the Treasury Department.

Of the total funds available, \$54 million are for wildlife restoration, \$16 million for fish restoration, and \$12 million for hunter education programs.

Funds for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10 percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11 percent tax on certain archery equipment. Distribution of wildlife restoration funds is based on a formula which takes into account the number of hunting license holders and the land area of each State. These funds may be used on approved State wildlife projects such as the acquisition of land suitable for habitat, development and management of habitat, and research to aid in managing game species.

Distribution of hunter education funds is based on the relative population of each State. Funds may be used for State hunter education programs which include the construction, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges. The States, however, may also use these funds for wildlife restoration projects.

Fish restoration funds come from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies. Distribution of the funds is made according to a formula based on the number of fishing license holders and the land area of each State, including coastal and Great Lakes waters. Activities performed by the States include the purchase of land and water areas, construction and rehabilitation of lakes, development of access sites and facilities for fishermen, and research to aid in the management of sport fisheries.

The attached tables show the distribution of funds by State.

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Preliminary Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restorat
Fiscal Year 1983
Dingell - Johnson

Alabama	\$ 263,703
Alaska	800,000
Arizona	345,226
Arkansas	275,565
California	800,000
Colorado	411,699
Connecticut	160,000
Delaware	160,000
Florida	323,975
Georgia	325,989
Hawaii	160,000
Idaho	280,644
Illinois	348,105
Indiana	252,201
Iowa	243,307
Kansas	244,860
Kentucky	261,735
Louisiana	245,936
Maine	160,000
Maryland	160,000
Massachusetts	160,000
Michigan	606,440
Minnesota	615,263
Mississippi	214,288
Missouri	395,510
Montana	363,861
Nebraska	205,074
Nevada	248,687
New Hampshire	160,000
New Jersey	160,000
New Mexico	289,280
New York	378,595
North Carolina	241,119
North Dakota	175,209
Ohio	386,089
Oklahoma	307,075
Oregon	396,577
Pennsylvania	401,491
Rhode Island	160,000
South Carolina	192,807
South Dakota	188,125
Tennessee	284,934
.. Texas	800,000
Utah	275,655
Vermont	160,000
Virginia	244,890
Washington	404,530
West Virginia	160,000
Wisconsin	572,222
Wyoming	256,002
Puerto Rico	160,000
American Samoa	53,333
Guam	53,333
Mariana Islands	53,333
Virgin Islands	53,333
Total	\$16,000,000

Preliminary Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration
Fiscal Year 1983
Pittman - Robertson

	Wildlife Restoration	Hunter Education	Total
Alabama	\$ 910,701	\$ 290,562	\$ 1,201,263
Alaska	2,700,000	120,000	2,820,000
Arizona	1,271,265	203,007	1,474,272
Arkansas	979,044	170,713	1,149,757
California	2,192,586	360,000	2,552,586
Colorado	1,401,333	215,777	1,617,110
Connecticut	270,000	232,116	502,116
Delaware	270,000	120,000	390,000
Florida	894,324	360,000	1,254,324
Georgia	1,098,823	360,000	1,458,823
Hawaii	270,000	120,000	390,000
Idaho	1,108,860	120,000	1,228,860
Illinois	988,364	360,000	1,348,364
Indiana	822,658	360,000	1,182,658
Iowa	942,689	217,611	1,160,300
Kansas	1,064,801	176,516	1,241,317
Kentucky	817,194	273,485	1,090,679
Louisiana	1,017,475	314,010	1,331,485
Maine	626,750	120,000	746,750
Maryland	347,502	314,941	662,443
Massachusetts	270,000	360,000	630,000
Michigan	2,221,013	360,000	2,581,013
Minnesota	1,514,025	304,537	1,818,562
Mississippi	853,261	188,275	1,041,536
Missouri	1,313,947	360,000	1,673,947
Montana	1,584,453	120,000	1,704,453
Nebraska	936,791	120,000	1,056,791
Nevada	1,022,646	120,000	1,142,646
New Hampshire	270,000	120,000	390,000
New Jersey	286,590	360,000	646,590
New Mexico	1,260,746	120,000	1,380,746
New York	1,591,157	360,000	1,951,157
North Carolina	972,034	360,000	1,332,034
North Dakota	750,542	120,000	870,542
Ohio	1,078,688	360,000	1,438,688
Oklahoma	1,075,786	225,968	1,301,754
Oregon	1,456,261	196,643	1,652,904
Pennsylvania	2,363,828	360,000	2,723,828
Rhode Island	270,000	120,000	390,000
South Carolina	597,236	232,985	830,221
South Dakota	901,087	120,000	1,021,087
Tennessee	1,234,717	342,899	1,577,616
Texas	2,700,000	360,000	3,060,000
Utah	1,086,507	120,000	1,206,507
Vermont	278,268	120,000	398,268
Virginia	1,023,850	360,000	1,383,850
Washington	1,142,081	308,497	1,450,578
West Virginia	695,040	120,000	815,040
Wisconsin	1,596,335	351,458	1,947,793
Wyoming	1,118,742	120,000	1,238,742
Puerto Rico	270,000	---	270,000
Guam	90,000	---	90,000
Mariana Islands	90,000	---	90,000
Virgin Islands	90,000	---	90,000
Total	\$54,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$66,000,000